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DAILY REPUBLICAN
An exchange says: An Iowa justice closed a marriage ceremony recently as follows: "By the authority invested in me as judge in the state of Iowa, by the golden fields of corn and wheat that wave to and fro in the gentle summer breeze, by the great droves of stock that are constantly finding their way to the different markets of the world, by the moultonous song of the cat on the back yard fence, and the pumpkin vine whose clinging tendrils shade the entrance to the summer kitchen, by the whole earth and sea, and all that is in them, I pronounce you man and wife, and may the Lord have mercy on your souls!"

Prince Napoleon's European Mission
When the part Prince Napoleon might have taken in French politics ceases to be contrived with the past he actually did take he will be remembered for quite a different achievement. In a strange part of Paris he built a very curious mansion and collected a brilliant circle of friends to witness a singular entertainment. The circumstance, once notorious, is now almost forgotten. Thirty-five years ago the prince went to Pompeii. It was the fashionable craze of the day.

Artists, authors, debilitants—they all took it, but the prince alone had funds and proposed to realize his wild project. If he could build a house just like one of those old Pompeian mansions, if he could furnish it classically, put in the right bronzes and stuccoes himself, dress like an old Roman and get his friends to do the same—well, he actually realized the dream to a fact.

In the famous Monte, at that time previously near the Bal Mabille, the prince was reared on the true Pompeian lines. He painted the decorations—Homer chanting his ballads, and nymphs that represented the Olysees and had. Everything was classic and was Greek, but the Pompeian blood flowed in the veins of the owner.

Prince Napoleon set up busts and statues of his family all round the atrium—Napoleon and Josephine and Marie Louise, Lucien, Charles Louis and Jerome they all had their place in this classic apartment. And here, before the emperor and empress, a French play was acted in classic costume—Pavane, Brohan and Zephophile Guter being the company, and Got and Emile Augier among the audience.—Boston Herald

Making Money Talk
"Look at that fellow," said the man in the window.
"Who?" inquired.
"That young fellow standing outside the rail."
"Well, what of it?"
"Don't you notice that five dollar bill he is holding in his hand?"
"Yes, well?"
"He's been dreaming up a scheme for five minutes. Bought two fifty cent seats in the gallery just now. Gave me a ten dollar bill. I gave him four silver dollars and that five. Been all this time putting the four into his pocket."
"Well, he had tourbation his overcoat. That takes time."
"Yes, but it doesn't take five minutes. Besides, he could have put the five dollars into his vest pocket at no time. But he didn't. He holds it out in plain view."
"Suppose he does. Isn't he a right to?"
"Of course. But don't you get on to the racket?"
"No. What is it?"
"Girl!"
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"Yes. That's the girl standing over there in the corner. She's watching him. He's just drawn his five dollar bill, and is taking her to see the show. When they came in he flashed the ten dollars, and dazzled her with it. A while before he got into his. Now he's letting her get a good look at the five dollars before he smashes it. It's a great scheme. No other fellow can steal that girl now. He's got her gold. And the long green did it.—Chicago Post

Cobbler Sprague's Frugal Wife
Ten thousand dollars in gold and greenbacks has been found secreted in an old table in the residence of John Sprague, a shoemaker of Wilmington, Del. The money represents his deceased wife's savings for thirty-nine years. On Jan. 27 Mrs. Mary Sprague, wife of the cobbler, dropped dead, a victim of heart disease, in a drug store. The couple came to Wilmington from England thirty-one years ago. The husband is about sixty years of age while the wife was nearly fifty-nine years when she died. They were frugal and industrious, and during their thirty-nine years of married life the husband would give the wife a certain sum of money for her use. It was never questioned what she did with the surplus, but supposed it was regularly put in bank.

When Mrs. Sprague died search was made for the bank but supposed to exist but to no avail. The house was ransacked also, but not money was found. Finally Mrs. McGinley, a neighbor, suggested she had a dream to that effect, that possibly the treasure might be secreted in an antique table and this article of furniture was examined. Tightly wedged in an inside corner of the table were found a bag of gold and a roll of greenbacks, with a long coupon, amounted to \$10,000.—For Philadelphia Record


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STATE OF ILLINOIS, County of Madison.

In the County Court of said County.

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the estate of John A. Walker, deceased.

as the same appears from the records of said Court.

Dated at Decatur, Ill., this 19th day of December, 1891.

JAMES G. WALKER, Clerk of said Court.

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LAST FIGHT OF THE WAR, TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

At Palmetto Ranch, Texas—Colored Troops of the Sixty-second United States Infantry Fought the Last Shot—Kirkby Smith Fights Alone Beyond the Mississippi.

On the 13th of May, 1865, twenty-five years ago, the last gun of the civil war was fired. The first gun was fired at Sumter, on the Atlantic coast, the last one near the Boca Chica strait, in the southwest corner of Texas.

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April 9 Lee surrendered to Grant, April 20 Johnston surrendered to Sherman in North Carolina, all the forces met the Chatterbox; May 4, at Gratonville, Ala., Gen. Richard Taylor surrendered to Canby all the remaining forces of the Mississippi. The Confederate command of J. B. Jones still held together for a time after Johnston's army had laid down their arms. But Jones, who had been in the command of the Confederate army at Tallahassee, Fla., on the 10th of May, Gen. Sam Jones died in 1887. At the time of his death he was a clerk in the war department at Washington.

Little now remained of the Confederate armies anywhere, not at all east of the Mississippi. Jeff Thompson, the last of the Confederate command, surrendered to Gen. Dodge's force May 11 at Chick Bluff, Ark. There was left only the Confederate army of Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith.

This running fight lasted three hours, till sunset, then the Confederates ceased pursuit. The last shot in the war was a volley the colored troops of the twenty-second regiment fired at their pursuers. This last fight of the war is known as the battle of Palmetto Ranch. It was fought not far from the old Mexican war battle ground of Palo Alto.

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